journey, When I had passed the vale where my bower stood I came within view of the sea to the west$_3$ and it being a very clear day, I saw land, whether an island or a continent I could not tell; but it lay at a very great distance,

I could not teU what part of the world this might be, otherwise than that I knew it must be part of America, and, as I concluded, by all my observations, must be near the Spanish Dominions, and perhaps was all inhabited by savages* where, if I should have landed, I might have been in a worse condi-tion than I was now; and therefore I resigned myself to the dispositions of Providence, which I began now to own and to believe ordered everything for the best.

With these considerations, I walked very leisurely forward. I found that side of the island where I now was much pleasanter than mine—the open or savannah fields sweet, adorned with flowers and grass, and full of • very fine woods. I saw abundance of

parrots and fain I would have caught
one, if possible, to have kept it to be
tame and taught it to speak to me. I did,
after some trouble, catch a young
parrot, for I